Sale of fake edible goods with foreign brand names

1004. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken against large scale operators of fake and adulterated edible goods with foreign brands names surreptiously marketed in the country; and

(b) the details of remedial measures undertaken by the Government against the large scale frauds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The information is not centrally maintained since it is for the proprietors of the trade marks to take action against those who infringe on their rights in accordance with the provisions contained in the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958.

(b) In the light of the reply given to (a) above does not arise.

Liberalisation imports of technology and capital goods

1005. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consequent upon the recent liberalisation of imports, including imports of technology and capital goods, the order list of various Public Undertakings under the control of his Ministry have been squeezing and demand for imports of technology and heavy machinery increasing;

(b) if so, how it is likely to affect the production of public sector undertakings during the current year and which of these undertakings likely to be affected considerably; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The order book position of Public Sector Undertakings under the Department of Public Enterprises improved from Rs. 8032 crores at the end of March, 1984 to Rs. 8914 crores at the end of September, 1985, Import of technology and heavy machinery is allowed only after taking into account the need for upgradation and the capacity of the domestic manufacturers to meet the equipment requirements of the user sectors.

(b) The aggregate production of these Public Sector Undertakings is projected to register a growth in the region of 20 per cent in 1986-87.

(c) Various measures have been taken and steps have been initiated for continuous growth in production of Capital Goods industries including in the Public Sector. These include suitable amendments in the policies, encouraging schemes of modernisation and providing assistance for adequate availability of inputs.

Smuggling of licences and Quotas

1006. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a series "smuggling in projects" appearing in the Indian Express dated 7th April, 1986 stating that licences, quotas, permits and other largesse by Government are being smuggled at a price; if so, what are the details thereof;